Joseph Hackney Thomas Pinke admr of all and singular the goods Liber N N Chattells Rights & Creditts of Jane Paine decd was attached to answer unto Joseph Hackney of a Thomas Pinke plea of trespas upon the case

And whereupon the said Joseph by Robert Ridgely his Attorny complaineth that whereas the said Jane the fifth day of June 1675 departed this life leaveing behind her severall Orphants of a very tender age, The Honble Philip Calvert Esop Comissary Generall & cheife judge for probate of Wills & granting administracons within this Province of Maryland legally constituted & appointed by his Order under his hand & seale of Office did appoint the said Joseph to see the said Jane decently interred & the said Joseph in fact saith that in Obedience thereunto he the said Joseph did performe the same & for the trouble of himself wife & Servant in & about the Same & in inventorizeing & appraiseing the estate of the said Jane he doth well deserve the summe of three hundred pounds of tobacco, afterwards to wit the thirtenth day of June then next following the said judge by another Order under his hand & seale of Office, reciteing that whereas the said Jane was dead intestate, her Children being all Infants under the age of Seaventeene yeares, for the preservation of the Cropp of tobacco & Corne then growing upon the ground (no person offering to administer) did order the said Joseph to take charge of the Cropp & managemt of the Orchard till such time as an Adm^r could be found or the County Court take further Care therein The said Joseph further in fact saith that in Obedience thereof he the said Joseph did take charge of the Cropp of Indian Corne & English & tobacco & also of the managemt of the Orchard from the said 13th of June to the 13th of January then next following & for his trouble care & paynes in & about the same he doth reasonably deserve two p. 283 thousand eight hundred pounds of tobacco By reason whereof action hath accrued to the said Joseph to require & have of the said Thomas Pinke admr as aforesaid aswell the said summe of three hundred pounds of tobacco so due as aforesaid as also the said summe of two thousand eight hundred pounds of tobacco for his time aforesaid in all the summe of three thousand One hundred pounds of tobacco, but the said Thomas to pay the same hath & still doth refuse & deny to the damage of the said Joseph foure thousand pounds of tobacco & thereupon he bringeth his suite.

And the said Thomas by Robert Carvile his Attorny cometh & defendeth the force & injury when &c & Saith nothing in barr or avoidance of the action aforesaid of him the said Joseph so as aforesaid against him brought. Whereupon it is granted by the Court here the eight & twentith day of April 1677 That the sd Joseph Hackney recover against the estate of the said Jane Paine aswell the summe of three thousand One hundred pounds of tobacco damages